

## SECRETARY ALGER

**Suggests That Two Regiments Be Added to the Artillery Branch.**

**A Military Force Should Be Sent to Alaska—An Increase in the Number of Cadets at the Military Academy Recommended—Statue to Grant.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—In his first annual report, Secretary Alger makes many recommendations for the betterment of the administration of the war department, based upon the conclusions of his subordinate officers. He asks favorable consideration for the proposition to add two regiments to the artillery branch, pointing to the valuable fortifications now being erected, which he says should not be manned by a corps of guards. He says of Alaska that as many as 100,000 people will be gathered there next year, and a military force should be sent to that territory and large emergency powers should be granted to the president to suppress lawlessness. Probably the creation of additional military reservations, like that of St. Michael's, may be the best means to meet the problem. A boat for the patrol of the Yukon is also asked for, as well as increased pay for the enlisted men serving in Alaska.

Secretary Alger recommends the revival of the grade of lieutenant general, saying that all the great nations give their officers much higher ranks than does the United States.

He indorses the recommendation of the superintendent of the military academy that the number of students at West Point be increased by allowing each senator to nominate a cadet. As an alternative he suggests that the president be authorized to appoint ten cadets at large each year.

Favorable comment is made upon the work of the military colleges of the country, but it is suggested that the law be amended so as to authorize details of army officers only to such colleges as have at least 150 pupils actually present.

Attention is called to the need of a proper system of criminal jurisdiction over military reservations and of a hall of records for the storage of official papers. The estimate for army transportation is increased by \$100,000 to provide means for moving heavy ordnance. To provide for the new posts needed on the sea coasts an estimate of \$2,000,000 is submitted.

Until recently the hospital at Hot Springs was open only to soldiers of the regular army, but Secretary Alger has just amended the regulations so as to authorize the admission of suitable cases among the veterans of the late war.

In the opinion of the secretary an increase in the engineer corps in officers and enlisted men is indispensable. He points to the immense value and extent of the work now in the hands of this corps, and contends that it could be better supervised and improved in quantity and quality by the assignment of more officers, which is now impossible.

Secretary Alger transmits without reduction the estimate of the chief of engineers for the next fiscal year, amounting to \$48,728,160, more than double the appropriations for the current year. He says these are largely in excess of what they should be at a time when the demands upon the treasury are as great as now, therefore he recommends a large reduction. In justice to the chief engineer, Secretary Alger says that these estimates were made by his own direction, that the facts might be placed before congress, showing what the expenditures would be were all the requirements of the river and harbor laws completed with, and he cites the fact that the outstanding continuous contracts for river and harbor work will require an expenditure of over \$17,000,000 for the next fiscal year. The secretary indorses the project for the construction of the ship canal connecting Lakes Huron and Washington with Puget sound, but states that active operations can not be commenced for some time, as the right of way has not yet been acquired.

Secretary Alger especially comments for patriotism, generosity and zeal, Col. Buffington and Capt. Crozier, the inventors of the disappearing gun carriage, who generously donated the invention to the government.

The report closes with the recommendation that provision be made for the erection in Washington of a statue to Gen. Grant.

The estimates for the next fiscal year aggregate \$96,258,445, as against \$62,832,417, the amount of the appropriations for the current year. The principal items of increase are in rivers and harbors, where the estimate is \$48,728,160, as against the appropriation of \$23,278,028; fortifications and sea coast defenses, \$13,378,571, as against \$9,517,141, and military posts, parks and cemeteries, \$2,558,639, against \$889,867.

### No News From Andree.

THOMSON, Tromsø Island, Norway, Nov. 22.—The steamer Victoria, which was fitted out by the governor of Tromsø under instructions from King Oscar, to search for Prof. Andree, the missing aeronaut and his party, and which left here on November 5, has returned from Spitzbergen. She brings no news as to the whereabouts or movements of Prof. Andree, although exploring parties landed ten times at various points in Danmarks Isles.

**Civil Service Examination at Paducah.** WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—A civil service examination will be held in Paducah, Ky., January 8, 1898 for the purpose of establishing an eligible list to fill a vacancy in the position of jailor for the federal building in that city. The place pays \$800 per annum.

**Sugar-Beet Raising in South Dakota.** BROOKINGS, S. D., Nov. 22.—Out of 400 tests of sugar beets made at the South Dakota experiment station here many give over 20 per cent sugar. Some farms gave as high as 22 and 23.5 per cent. These are believed to be the most remarkable beet tests ever made.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

**From Experts on the Methods of Cultivating Tobacco in Kentucky and Tennessee.** WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The secretary of agriculture purposes issuing a series of farmer's bulletins on tobacco and has issued a circular soliciting contributions from experts on the method of cultivation, on the export tobacco of Kentucky and Tennessee and on the marketing of tobacco. He promises to reward those whose contributions are accepted at the rate of \$15 per 1,000 words, but suggested that no one essay should contain more than 10,000 words. The papers are to be submitted to the secretary not later than March 31, 1898. The circular issued gives the following directions for proceeding with the work:

(1) Methods of Cultivation.—This should treat of practical work as done in the different districts as follows: Selecting the seed; the seed bed and how prepared in the different tobacco districts; the time and manner of sowing the seed; the time and manner of setting out the plants, the cultivation, fertilization, topping and cutting, protection from insects and diseases.

(2) Export tobacco of Kentucky and Tennessee.—This should treat particularly of the types and characteristics of tobacco adapted to each of the different foreign markets; the methods of curing, sorting, fermenting and packing, with recommendations for such changes in these methods as will insure an increased price for the products.

(3) The marketing of tobacco.—This should be treated from the commercial side. Cigar leaf—Be manufacturing, smoking, plug, cigarettes. C. export.—This should include particularly the grading and packing of the different types, with suggestions as to improvements in existing methods.

The price offered is a third more than is usually paid by the department, it is hoped that the increased rate will stimulate practical men to take up the work.

Secretary Alger has received a telegram from a Los Angeles newspaper offering to publish the advertisements of the war department calling for proposals for the building of the breakwater at San Pedro, Cal., and take their chances of obtaining money in payment from congress next session.

Public Printer Palmer has appointed Lewis C. Ferrell, of Illinois, to the position of superintendent of public documents in the government printing office to succeed F. A. Grandall, reduced. The appointee has for a number of years been the private secretary of Senator Cullom, of Illinois.

The people of Idaho have been deeply stirred by the recommendation made by Gen. Merriam, commanding the department of the Columbia, that the United States military post at Boise barracks be abandoned. They have made some strong representations to the war department on the subject with the result that it is now formally announced that the secretary of war does not contemplate the abandonment of the post.

### HOME RULE

**For Cuba Is Approved by President McKinley—He Will Express the Hope That Cuba Will Not Prolong the War.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The World Friday morning makes the following statement:

"The World is able to say on very high authority that President McKinley will tacitly approve the programme for autonomy, or home rule for Cuba, which Spain now promises.

"Second, that the president will express the hope that Cubans will not prolong their war for complete independence, but will accept instead a form of autonomy.

"Third, that if the Cubans do not heed his advice Spain will be given more time without interference from the United States.

"Fourth, the president says that he ardently desires peace both at home and abroad. War scares and belligerency resolutions disturb business, retard prosperity and do no good. A new congress is to be chosen next fall and everything depends on 'good times.' A season of peace from Cuban sensations is therefore now almost certain.

"Fifth, Spain has been informed of McKinley's hopes and plans, and as the first evidence of her own fond intentions and good will, she pardoned and released Thursday the American crew of the filibustering schooner Competitor, caught under arms off the coast of Cuba on April 15, 1896."

### Maj. Britton Dead.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—John Britton, late major of the Eighteenth Pennsylvania cavalry, died here Thursday, aged 60 years, from a complication of diseases, primary cause being a wound inflicted on his head by a sabre at Hagerstown, Md., in 1863. The same wound caused Maj. Britton to lose the entire use of his eyes during the last nine years of his life. He was engaged in 49 battles, and was one of the 5,000 picked men who participated in Kilpatrick's raid on Richmond, Va.

### Germany Explains.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Count Von Wildenburg Hatzfeldt, the German ambassador here, is in receipt of important dispatches from Berlin and has explained to the marquis of Salisbury the occupation of Kiau Chen bay, province of Shan Tun, China, by the German squadron in Chinese waters, and promised further explanations, which, he added, had been mailed from Berlin.

### A Lapsman Executed.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 20.—Henry Heyward, colored, a lineman in the employ of the Charleston Electric Light Co., was electrocuted while at work Friday afternoon on Shell street. Heyward was seated astride a pole, when he took hold of a live wire. He was killed instantly, but the body remained in a natural position on the bar.

### Butterworth Out of Danger.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 20.—Hon. Ben Butterworth, commissioner of patents, is rapidly improving and is now out of danger.

## THE GREAT BULK

**Of Losses in the London Fire Will Fall on the American Companies.**

**Only Two Firemen Were Slightly Hurt During the Work of Extinguishing the Flames—All Historical Treasures of Cripple Gate Church Were Saved.**

LONDON, Nov. 22.—A number of fire engines are still playing upon the smoldering ruins which mark the scene of the great conflagration near the general post office Friday. Walls are falling every now and then.

It is impossible to accurately estimate the damage done, but the direct loss will probably be below \$10,000,000.

Consols and India three-per-cent have fallen heavily on the belief that the losses will necessitate heavy sales by insurance companies and most of the insurance companies' shares have dropped 10 to 30 shillings.

The Evening Standard, in its financial article, Saturday afternoon says it is believed that the bulk of the fire losses will fall upon American insurance companies.

The last flames disappeared by 11 o'clock Saturday morning, but as this message is forwarded water is still being poured upon the red-hot masses of ruins. The burned district is surrounded by enormous crowds of people and the railroads are running excursions from the country.

In spite of the magnitude of the disaster, only two firemen were slightly injured during the work of extinguishing the flames.

About three hundred firms are seeking for new offices. The estimates of the amount of damage done range from \$10,000,000 to \$50,000,000, but according to the best opinion the loss is about \$10,000,000.

The official report says the cause of the fire is unknown.

A large number of warehouses from five to six stories high have been burned and have partly fallen, the whole covering an area of 200 by 150 yards, bounded by Nicholl square, Edmunds place, Jewin crescent, Australian avenue, Paul's alley and Red Cross street.

The insurance agents take an optimistic view of the losses, their estimates ranging from \$500,000 to \$4,000,000. It is a fact that dozens of burned out firms were not insured, in some cases because they were considered to be undesirable customers and in others because the locality has long been considered dangerous by the insurance companies. The latter assert that the sensational reports regarding the losses have been promoted on the stock exchange in order to influence stocks.

All the historic treasures of Cripple Gate church were removed, including the records of Oliver Cromwell's marriage, Milton's burial and the deaths from the plague in 1665.

### GEN. ORDWAY,

**A Veteran of the Late War, Dies in New York City.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Gen. Albert Ordway, of Washington, died at the Hoffman house at 7:15 o'clock Sunday night.

Brevet-Brig. Gen. Albert Ordway, who was born in 1843, served with credit and gallantry throughout the civil war, the greater portion of the time with his regiment, the Twenty-fourth Massachusetts infantry. An act of personal gallantry at New Berne, N. C., was followed by his appointment as adjutant of the regiment. He remained in North Carolina until January, 1863, later served in the army of the Potomac, then in Florida and through the campaign of 1864-65 in the army of the James. After the occupation of Richmond he was appointed provost marshal of Virginia where, through a portion of the trouble of reconstruction times, he directed the delicate duties of his position with much skill and tact. For gallantry at various times and because of his ability he had been successively promoted until when slightly over 22 years of age he was made brevet brigadier general, being the youngest officer in the service to receive that grade. His regiment and himself were retained in the service until February, 1866, and were the last volunteer troops mustered out in the state. After being mustered out Gen. Ordway went into business at Richmond, and about ten years later removed to Washington, where, as commanding officer of the National guard for a number of years, he brought that organization up to a high standard.

### New Fast Mail Service.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 22.—The new fast mail train service on the Santa Fe was inaugurated Sunday morning. The train will start from Kansas City daily at 2:30 in the morning and will lay local and eastern mails down in western Kansas towns nearly 12 hours earlier than heretofore and improve greatly on connections for the far west. The train will make 42 miles an hour between here and Newton, Kas., and is said to be the fastest mail train in the country.

### Burned to a Crisp.

BETHANY, Mo., Nov. 22.—James Barker and Elmer Fruit, young men of prominent local families, were burned to a crisp in a fire that destroyed Blackburn Brothers' livery barn early Sunday morning. Two comrades tried to rescue them and were nearly suffocated. It is said the fire started from a lantern by which the victims were playing cards.

### Millions of Shingles Lost.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 22.—News has reached here that a boom containing 4,000,000 feet of logs and 1,500 cords of shingle bolts broke loose at the mouth of the Cowlitz river Thursday during the high water. Two steamers were sent after the scattered logs, but a large portion of them have floated into the Columbia river and will be lost. The logs were owned by J. U. Hartley and Charles England.

### Prof. Colderhead Dead.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Henry Calderwood, professor of moral philosophy in the University of Edinburgh, is dead.

## LONDON FIRE.

**One Hundred and Fifty Warehouses With Their Contents Destroyed—The Burned Territory Covers an Area of 100,000 Yards—The Loss is Over \$25,000,000.**

LONDON, Nov. 20.—One of the most disastrous fires in London's history since the great fire of 1666, broke out in a large block of buildings lying eastward of Aldersgate street and between that thoroughfare and Red Cross street, just after 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. The flames were fanned by a strong wind and were fed by highly inflammable stocks of Christmas fancy goods and flimsy dress materials of all description, that filled every floor of the six buildings in the old street. Consequently the conflagration gained headway with surprising rapidity and was soon beyond the possibility of being checked by the few engines which were early on the spot. For four and a half hours the flames had their own way and it was after more than a hundred engines had worked an hour that the chief of the fire brigade sent out the signal that the fire was under control.

At 11 o'clock Friday night the fire was still the scene of greatest excitement. Fifty engines were playing upon the ruins, wagons were hurrying up coal and tons of water were pouring into the fiery debris.

The scene must occupy the fire brigade for several days, especially in view of the grave danger of the collapse of the shells of buildings which fall now and again with a loud report. The latest accounts indicate that nearly a hundred warehouses have been destroyed, while the loss will probably exceed \$25,000,000 (\$15,000,000). The historic church of St. Giles has been much damaged, the principal damage being to the roof, the old windows, the baptismal font and Milton's statue.

At 4 o'clock Saturday morning a very large force of firemen and about twenty engines have been working at a high pressure all night. The district ravaged by the fire is bounded by Aldersgate street, Red Cross, Maiden Head court and Bradford avenue, and intermediate streets of Jewin, Hamsell, Well and Edmund and Jewin Crescent, and part of Australian avenue, Paul's alley, Cripple Gate churchyard, Wood Street square, Monkwell street, Nichol square and Tore street.

It is officially reported that 150 warehouses have been gutted. A later estimate of the damage done places the amount at nearly \$5,000,000 sterling (\$25,000,000).

Nearly all of the British fire insurance companies are involved and fire insurance shares were practically unsaleable on the stock exchange Friday afternoon after the fire was well under way.

Nearly 300 telephone wires have been cut, thus interrupting communication with many of the big provincial towns. The fire will cause an enormous advance in the price of ostrich feathers, which rose 30 per cent. Friday evening.

Two feather firms alone have lost \$15,000 sterling (\$75,000).

The damage done by the fire is enormous. Most of the buildings destroyed were six stories high and filled with merchandise.

The area of the fire is at least 100,000 square yards. Sixty warehouses have already been destroyed and the fire has extended from Wood street square to Aldersgate street.

The fire originated in the store of an umbrella manufacturer on Hamsell street at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, and the great loss of property seems to be due to the delay in summoning the fire department. The published report says that the police officer who first detected the flames blew his whistle loudly for assistance, but several minutes elapsed before the alarm was heard by any of his comrades. As soon as assistance reached him the officer was dispatched to call the fire brigade.

But here again this was an unaccountable delay of 20 minutes before the first engine appeared. Then the fearful dimensions of the fire were apparent, and it was decided to circulate a call throughout the whole metropolitan district.

The church of St. Giles was built in 1545. It is approached by an archway in Red Cross street, also within the scene of the conflagration, and contains among other things the tomb of John Milton, who died in 1674; the tomb of Fox, the martyrologist; Frobsher, the voyager, who died in 1594, and Speel, the typographer, who died in 1625.

Oliver Cromwell was married in the church of St. Giles, August 22, 1620, and the parish register contains an entry of the burial of Daniel Defoe, the author of "Robinson Crusoe," who died in 1731.

Milton is commemorated in the church of St. Giles by a bust, by Bacon, and the late George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, erected a stained glass window in this church to the poet's memory.

In the church yard is an old bastion of the London wall and close by in London wall is a small part of the church yard of St. Alphage, containing another large fragment of the old wall built by the Romans.

Alders Gate and Cripple Gate are named after two of the gates in Roman London.

**Ryan's Slayer Acquitted.** LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 20.—J. Merritt Martin, who killed John J. Ryan in the latter's saloon Monday night, was acquitted of murder Friday. The testimony proved that Martin had acted in self-defense. The trial consumed only 45 minutes.

**Torpedo Boats Leave Charleston.** CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 20.—The torpedo boats Porter, Dupont, Ericsson and Cushing left Charleston Friday morning for Port Royal, continuing their cruise along the coast. The Porter and Dupont went to sea and the Ericsson and Cushing took the inside passage.

**Artillery Wagon Explodes.** MEXICO CITY, Mex., Nov. 20.—An artillery wagon loaded with powder and gun cotton exploded here Friday killing four men and wounding eight soldiers and citizens fatally and shaking the ground for many blocks.

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